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In re Application of :  
Kurt Stahl, et al. :  
Application No. 10/696,297 :  
Filed: October 28, 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No. 10773-134984 :

**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 9, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the issue fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 3, 2005, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on September 6, 2005.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

The person signing the instant petition also requests a change of correspondence address to the address given in the instant petition. However, it is not apparent whether the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. If the person signing the instant petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person

signing the instant petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee; (2) the petition and publication fees; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the issue fee is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3229.

This application matter is being referred to the Publishing Division for further processing.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Retta Williams".

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